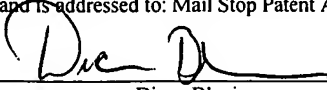


CERTIFICATE OF MAILING BY "EXPRESS MAIL"

Express Mail Label No.: EV 329146985 US

Date of Deposit: November 14, 2003.

I hereby certify that this paper or fee is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to: Mail Stop Patent Application, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.


Diane Blevins

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of:

Meng YANG and Eugene BARANOV

Serial No.: To be assigned,
Divisional of 09/812,710

Filing Date: Even Date Herewith

For: WHOLE-BODY OPTICAL IMAGING OF
GENE EXPRESSION AND USES THEREOF

Examiner: Not Assigned

Group Art Unit: Not Assigned

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Patent Application
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Prior to calculation of fees and examination of the above-referenced case, please amend
the specification as follows: